

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2457 - SB 2868

February 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) from seizing the personal property of a person without due process, and further requires a court order prior to seizure of personal property.

Stipulates that this act does not apply to personal property seized prior to the effective date of this act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue –

\$16,300/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the TWRA, the Agency has averaged approximately \$885,714 in revenue each year over the past 5 years from the sale of timber harvested from various properties.
- Based on information provided by the TWRA, the Agency collects \$1,049,146 in revenue from the sale of personal assets (e.g. timber, guns vehicles, and other surplus government property, such as computers, phones, etc.).
- The sale of personal property assets, assumed to be collected via forfeiture or seizure, less the sale of timbers, is estimated to result in annual state revenue to the TWRA of \$163,432 (\$1,049,146 - \$885,714).
- This legislation will prohibit the seizure of property unless a court order is provided to the Agency prior to any such seizure.
- It is unknown what percentage of current seizures are subject to a court order, and how attainable court orders will be going forward.
- It is assumed that this legislation will result in a 10 percent decrease in seizures by the Agency, and a corresponding decrease in revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund of \$16,343 (\$163,432 x 10%).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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